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Gratified continuing evidence such as contained reftel that contribution American technical advisers appreciated by important Libyans in GOL. Proposed foundation obviously provides possible basis long-run answer question of continuing American presence Ag as well as other Ministries on basis joint GOL and US source financing as proposed by Minister. Unfortunately we unable discuss foundation concept with GOL at present time until decisions details, format and roles contributing participants completed. In interim, one alternative for meeting Darnah's immediate concern would be extend present AID direct hire (excluding participating agencies employees) and contract personnel for sufficient period into FY 1965 to avoid hiatus while foundation becomes operational which we hope will be before end this calendar year.

Other possibility is to recruit additional contract personnel from FY 65 funds to replace present USAID direct-hire staff. We discussed these two possibilities with Brown (USAID/L) suggesting that on return should consult with Loving and Embassy. AID/W prepared consider any proposal along foregoing lines which takes account foundation as hoped for long-run solution and AID willingness provide reasonable funding for transitional measures not requiring new funding beyond FY 65, unless circumstances change requiring review.

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